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Letter dated 9 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as coordinator of the "pro tempore" secretariat of the Rio Group, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a declaration of the Rio Group on the electoral process in South Africa issued on 4 March 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 41 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Ronaldo Mota SARDENBERG
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to the United Nations

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Annex

DECLARATION OF THE RIO GROUP ON THE ELECTORAL PROCESS
IN SOUTH AFRICA DATED 4 MARCH 1994

The Rio Group is following with great interest the transition to democracy in South Africa and expresses its solidarity with the political solution of this process. Inspired by the ideals of pluralist democracy and by the exercise of dialogue and tolerance, the Rio Group calls upon all South African political segments to lend their support to the democratic process under way and to ensure, with their commitment, that the elections of 27 April take place freely, leading to the establishment of the first Government of majority rule in South Africa.

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